IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION No 9258 of 2001

For Approval and Signature:

Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE KUNDAN SINGH

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1. Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgements? : NO

2. To be referred to the Reporter or not? : NO

3. Whether Their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgement? : NO

4. Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India, 1950 of any Order made thereunder? : NO

5. Whether it is to be circulated to the Civil Judge? : NO

PATEL RUCHIR UPENDRAKUMAR

Versus

REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE

Appearance:

MR YV BRAHMBHATT for Petitioner No. 1
MR DN PATEL Sr. Central Govt. Standing Counsel for Respondents.

CORAM : MR.JUSTICE KUNDAN SINGH

Date of decision: 22/10/2001

ORAL JUDGEMENT

Rule. Mr. D.N. Patel Sr. Central Govt. Standing Counsel appears on behalf of the respondents and waives service of rule on behalf of the respondents.

2. This petition has been filed for a direction to the respondent authority to make correction in the passport with regard to birth place of the petitioner as "village Bavla, Taluka Dholka, District : Ahmedabad" in in place of "Ahmedabad" in the passport issued by the respondent no. 1.

3. It is stated that due to inadvertence wrong birth place of the petitioner has been mentioned in the passport issued by the respondent no. 1 on the basis of school leaving certificate and some other documents. The petitioner has already moved an application before the respondent for correction with regard to birth place as "village Bavla, Taluka Dholka, District : Ahmedabad" in place of "Ahmedabad" in the passport issued by the respondent no. 1. But the respondent no. 1 has not entertained and decided the application of the petitioner saying that it has no power or authority to make such correction with regard to the birth place of the petitioner in the passport unless and until some order is passed by the competent Court of Law. The petitioner has produced the birth certificate issued by the competent authority.

3. In the facts and circumstances of this case and considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties as well as material on record, this petition is being disposed of with a direction to the respondent no. 1 to consider and decide the petitioner's application for making correction in the passport with regard to the birth place of the petitioner as "village Bavla, Taluka Dholka, District : Ahmedabad" in place of "Ahmedabad" in accordance with law and on the basis of the material produced by the petitioner on record including the birth certificate issued by the competent authority, as far as possible preferably within a period of one month from the date of receipt of writ of this Court or certified copy of this order whichever is earlier. The respondent no. 1 authority would be will be at liberty to pass appropriate order with regard to the costs of these proceedings.

4. With the above directions and observations, this petition is disposed of. Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent, with no order as to costs. D.S. is permitted.

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